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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Francois CUNCHON ET AL.

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For: **COMPUTING MACHINE WITH HARD  
STOP-TOLERANT DISK FILE  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the  
application as follows:**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**After the title and before the first paragraph on page 1 at line 4, insert the  
following heading at the left-hand margin:A1 --FIELD OF THE INVENTION--;Page 1, line 6, before the paragraph beginning "In a known way...", insert the  
following heading at the left-hand margin:A2 --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--Page 1, at line 30, and before the paragraph beginning "To eliminate ..."  
insert the following paragraph at the left-hand margin:A3 --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;